

Writing Sound Decisions

An Advanced, One-Evening Course for Municipal Planners,
Legal Staff and Boards and Commissions



Tuesday, November 12, 2013

City Hall, City Council Chambers
3rd Floor Conference Room, 580 Broad St
Central Falls, RI

5:30-9:00 pm (including a light supper)

Writing Sound Decisions is designed to help municipal planners, legal staff and boards and commissions write decisions whose content will hold up in court and whose clarity will make them readily understandable for both enforcement officers and property owners. It is specifically intended to address the problem, noted repeatedly in recent Superior Court and Supreme Court decisions, that written decisions coming out of municipal planning boards and zoning boards do not explain how the evidence contained in the record led the board to reach its conclusions. Taught by Rhode Island land-use attorney Andy Teitz, the program is grounded in Rhode Island law and cites recent Rhode Island Superior and Supreme Court decisions. The workshop handbook provides both a summary of material covered in the workshop and appendices that include templates for simple decisions, examples of appropriate content for more complex decisions and a glossary of terms. The workshop culminates in a hands-on writing exercise.

REGISTRATION FEE ASSISTANCE! The Rhode Island Interlocal Risk Management Trust is partnering with the Land-Use Training Collaborative to provide registration fee assistance for Trust members for this workshop. The registration fee for the workshop is scaled according to Member participation levels in The Trust. Trust Members who participate in both the Property/ Liability Pool and the Workers' Compensation Pool may register people free of charge. Trust Members who participate in only one Trust Pool may register people for 50% of the standard fee (ie, \$15.00). Non-Trust members pay the standard registration fee (\$30.00.)

Eligible for Free Registration

Barrington, Bristol, Burrillville, Central Falls, Charlestown, Coventry, Exeter, Foster, Glocester, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Newport, North Kingstown, North Smithfield, Portsmouth, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren , West Warwick

Eligible for 50% Discount

Cumberland, East Providence, Johnston, Lincoln, Pawtucket, Scituate, Warwick, West Greenwich



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